(c) if so, the details of the steps being taken by Government to augment the traffic management and expediting completion of medical legal formalities by the police authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Delhi accounts for the highest number of accident deaths among the metropolitan cities in the country.

(b) and (c) The matter falls within the purview of Government of NCT of Delhi/Delhi Police. According to information obtained from Delhi Police, due to various measures such as night/mobile patrolling, special speed checking on accident-prone-roads, and strict enforcement on ban on plying of medium and light goods vehicles on city roads, taken by them there has been decline in the number of road accident in Delhi since the year 2000.

**Setting up of Different Zones for upkeep of National Highways**

3931. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up different zones on the lines of railways for proper upkeep and maintenance of National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) to (c) Regional Offices and Engineer Liaison Offices have been set up in various States to coordinate and liaison with the State Governments in respect of the development and maintenance of National Highways.